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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Berneuchen Airfield

AUG 1 1950

EVALUATION see below

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1. Sixty-eight twin-engine aircraft were parked in front of the hangars at the Berneuchen (N 53/V 06) Airfield on 8 May 1950. Individual planes were seen at the northwestern border of the field. They made local flights. The following features were identified: Two in-line engines, double rudder assembly, nose not glassed-in, a step on underside of fuselage in line with trailing edge of wings, thin fuselage, and pointed wings. \*

2. The status of the occupation of the field was unchanged on 9 May 1950. There was flying activity. Up to three planes took off simultaneously and practiced firing at air sleeves towed by the same type of plane. After the termination of the firing exercises the air sleeves were dropped over the field from a low altitude.

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[REDACTED] were seen leaving the field.

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3. The landing field was covered with grass. Enlargement of the field was not noticed. The spur track at the airfield was intact. In front of the hangars there was a concrete apron. A fuel dump with seven containers half dug into the earth, and 80 to 100 drums, were northeast of the field.

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4. About 30 twin-engine, low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines and twin cockpits landed individually at Berneuchen airfield on 9 May from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The following characteristics of these planes were identified: Engines projected slightly above the surface of the wings; antenna forward of front cockpit; nose not glassed-in; tail wheel about 1 meter forward of elevator assembly; one window on each side of the fuselage; three-bladed propeller, with the hubs painted red, gray and rust-brown.

5. Construction work was not observed. [REDACTED] was parked near the billets on the southern edge of the field. \*\*

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\* Comment. For photographs taken from north and northeast of the field, see Annex.

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\*\* Comment. The occupation of Berneuchen airfield does not appear to have changed since April 1950. The field is still believed occupied by two bomber regiments. The attached photographs and the descriptive data contained in this report show that these bomber regiments are equipped with two versions of the Pe-2 or Pe-3, one of them provided with one cockpit, the other one with two cockpits. It was again confirmed that at least the noses of some of the planes were not glassed-in, and that they are possibly Pe-3 type aircraft.

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construction work under way at Berneuchen airfield.

3 Annexes: Photographs.

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